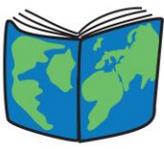


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**The Last Thirteen: 5**  
**By James Phelan**

- When Sam first encounters Issey in his dream he thinks that he is one of the coolest guys he's ever seen. Do you agree with Sam? What makes Issey seem so cool?
- After her fruitless trip in search of the thirteen-symbol zodiac with Dr. Dark and Dr. Kader, Eva concludes that Dr. Kader must have been working as a spy for the Academy all along, even though it had appeared he was working with Mac. Do you agree? Why or why not?
- Jedi tells Eva that her Dream Aura Count is in the 90s. What do you think this says about Eva?
- While on the flight to Tokyo, Tobias shares what he knows about Dream Steering with Sam. Have you ever tried to "steer" your dreams? Do you think it could be possible to do so?
- Sam asks Tobias how Stella always seems to know who the next Dreamer is. How do you think she knows this?
- Tobias tells Sam that self-doubt can in some ways be a good thing. What does he mean by this? Do you agree?
- Tobias explains to Sam that the monsters in his dream are manifestations of his enemy. Do you ever dream of monsters? Do you think they represent something and if so what might that be?
- Kaga tells Sam, "There is no luck, only destiny." What do you think he means? Do you agree?
- How do you think Kaga knew that Solaris would come to him someday and was therefore prepared for the encounter?
- If you were able to go through a dreamer door in your own dreams where would you want to end up? Why?
- Alex figures out that Stella, with Matrix's help, is determined to hijack the Dreamer Doors. Why do you think she wants to do so?
- Sam, Issey and his family head to Obakeshima after Issey identifies the place his gear is to be found. Is there a real Ghost Island in Japan? What can you learn about it?
- When Hans shows up at Matrix's workshop with da Vinci's journal, Alex realizes there must be a traitor at the Academy. Do you agree? How do you imagine Hans got his hands on the journal?



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- Alex tells Hans he's interested in what he has to offer him. Why does he do this?
  - Stella claims to have Sam's family and threatens to harm them unless Sam agrees to go with her. Do you think she's telling the truth, or is this merely a ploy? What would you do if you were Sam?
  - The book ends with Solaris sending flames of fire that destroy the boat. What do you think happens next?
  - There are several tense moments for the Dreamers in *The Last Thirteen: 5*. Which of the books you've read so far have you found to be the most exciting and suspenseful?